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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF ARAB MINISTERS VISIT TO BELGIUM

1.SUMMARY: IN BRUSSELS PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 30, MINISTERS
YAMANI AND ABDESELAM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) POSSIBLE NEGATIVE
EFFECTS OF EMBARGO AR EUROPEAN RATHER THAN ARAB PROBLEM; 2) INTERNA-
TIONAL INTERDEPENDENCE ON OIL IS INSEPARABLE FROM
INTERDEPENDENCE IN SECURITY; 3) ANY DIVERSION OF
OIL TO HOLLAND COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF OIL TO COUNTRY AIDING
HOLLAND; 4) DUTCH MUST CALL FOR ISRAELI REPARATIONS AND TOTAL WITH-
DRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED LANDS; 5) YAMANI AND ABDESELAM WILL
MEET WITH DUTCH MINISTER IN BRUSSELS DECEMBER 1 AND PROCEED
LATER TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH USG; 6) THERE WILL BE NO
ALLEVIATION OF ARAB OIL EMBARGO UNTIL ISRAELIS WITHDRAW FROM
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. END SUMMARY.

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2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SAUDI OIL MINISTER YAMANI, WITH OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY ALGERIAN INDUSTRY MINISTER ABDESSALEM, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN PRESS CONFERENCE HERE NOVEMBER 30.

3. WITH TWO PERMANENT SEATS ON SECURITY COUNCIL AND CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC STRENGTH, EUROPE IS IN POSITION TO TAKE IMPORTANT MEASURES IN REGARD TO MIDDLE EAST. MILITARY AID TO ARABS AND BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ARE EXAMPLES OF STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN.

4. POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF ARAB OIL ACTIONS ON EUROPEAN UNITY ARE EUROPEAN, NOT ARAB, PROBLEM. EUROPE MUST STRIVE TO REALIZE UNITY IN ALL DOMAINS. MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM ON WHICH EUROPEANS MUST REACH AGREEMENT AMONG SELVES. US IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT EC PROBLEMS BECAUSE AMERICANS DO NOT WANT TO SEE EUROPE "AS STRONG AS IT SHOULD BE".

5. EC-9 MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6 WAS WELCOME STEP. IT SHOWED SYMPATHY FOR PALESTINIANS AND "SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY" REGARDING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. DECLARATION WAS EQUIVOCAL ON LATTER POINT, HOWEVER, SINCE IT DID NOT CALL CLEARLY FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL. BELGIAN FONMIN RECENTLY DID SO, ALTHOUGH DUTCH STILL HAVE NOT.

6. REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ARAB PROVOCATION OF ECONOMIC CRISIS IN EUROPE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE OF EUROPE AND ARAB STATES CAN NOT WORK WITHOUT INTERDEPENDENCE IN DOMAIN OF SECURITY. PROBLEMS OF ARABS HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED ON WORLD SCENE. IN PAST EUROPEAN PROBLEMS HAD BEEN SETTLED AT EXPENSE OF ARABS. NOW ARABS HAVE TAKEN MEASURES TO MAKE CLEAR THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF SECURITY BETWEEN EUROPE AND ARAB STATES.

7. IF STATES RECEIVING ARAB OIL SHARE IT WITH BOYCOTTED STATES THEY RISK LOSING OWN SUPPLIES. UK AND FRANCE ARE ON ARABS' "FRIENDLY" LIST. BELGIUM, GERMANY AND ITALY CONSIDERED "NEUTRAL" AND HOLLAND "HOSTILE". POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON DELIVERIES TO EUROPEANS BECAUSE OF BOYCOTT OF PORT OF ROTTERDAM IS TECHNICAL PROBLEM WHICH MIGHT BE WORKED OUT IF COUNTRIES AFFECTED MAKE APPROPRIATE GESTURES.

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8. ARAB STATES WILL NO LONGER PRODUCE OIL AT A RATE NECESSARY TO PLEASE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OR INDUSTRIAL STATES. AS LONG AS ARAB TERRITORIES ARE OCCUPIED, ARABS CAN NOT MAKE SUCH A SACRIFICE. "OUR GOAL IS TO REDUCE OIL PRODUCTION TO ARRIVE AT AN ECONOMICALLY REASONABLE LEVEL. WE WILL FURNISH OIL TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY. IF A COUNTRY ASSISTS THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN A EFFECTIVE MANNER OR TAKES EFFECTIVE

MEASURES AGAINST ISRAEL, WE WILL APPRECIATE ITS GESTURE AND WE WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE A SACRIFICE. IF A COUNTRY CONTINUES TO AID ISRAEL, WE THINK THAT WE OWE IT NOTHING AND THAT NOTHING OBLIGES US TO SUPPLY IT WITH OIL".

9. THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE A CLEAR POSITION IN CONDEMNING ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY AND MUST CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES AND FOR REPARATIONS BY ISRAEL FOR DAMAGES CAUSED DURING THE WAR. YAMANI AND ABDESSELAM WILL MEET WITH A DUTCH MINISTER IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 1, FOLLOWING TALKS WITH EC OFFICIALS, AND WILL PROCEED LATER TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH USG.

10. MERE OPENING OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE WILL NOT CAUSE INITIATION OF MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE OIL EMBARGO. ISRAEL MUST FIRST WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. STRAUS-HUPE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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